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NOTE TO: Director of Central Intelligence

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Deputy Director for Intelligence

1. You asked for a copy of the NITs. This package contains the '85 NITs and our assessment of the intelligence remain when we surveyed the Intelligence Community's performance against the '84 NITs. Also attached is a short note on the NIT process.

2. The consumers of intelligence in Defense and State, in particular, have increasingly become more active in the NIT process. The subjects identified in the '85 NITs are an expression of consumer needs. John McMahon has been chairing the SIG-I meetings and involved in the NIT process. You might want to talk to him about the utility of the process and the Community reaction to it.

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The NIT Process

The NIT process has been refined over the last two years so that it now includes a specific timetable for completing several NIT-related actions (See Attachment I for the schedule and description of the NIT-related actions in FY85). Critical elements in the formulation of and the Intelligence Community's responsiveness to the NITs include the following:

- -- DDCI request for new NITs (April)
- -- SIG(!) Committee on Intelligence Priorities approval of new NITs (July)
- -- Publication and dissemination of NITs (August)
- Producers identification and submission of NIT-related gaps to SIG(I)
 Committee, DCI Collection Committees, and the Foreign National
 Intelligence Priorities Committee (October-January)
- -- IPC submission of report on NIT-related production to date and actions taken to address information gaps to SIG(I) Committee for review (April)
- -- IPC submission of final report on NIT-related production during FY to SIG(I)

 Committee (October)

The FY85 NIT cycle is now well underway. The new NITs (See Attachment 2) have been disseminated and the IPC has tasked appropriate entities in the Community for NIT-related support during FY85. The next action to be undertaken will be the publication of a reference aid listing the significant information gaps (See Attachment 3 for the reference aid published last year) related to the FY85 NITs.

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